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#### MCI WORLDCOM MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

On April 7, 1999, the Commission released a Notice of Inquiry (Notice) in the above-captioned proceeding. The Notice invites public comment on an extensive list of issues associated with Common Carrier Bureau audits of the Regional Bell Operating Companies' (RBOCs') continuing property records. Comments are scheduled to be filed on June 7, 1999, and reply comments are scheduled to be filed on July 7, 1999.

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Pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's rules, MCI WorldCom, Inc. (MCI WorldCom) respectfully requests that the Commission extend the time to file comments and replies in the above-captioned proceeding by 30 days. Under the revised pleading schedule, comments would be filed on July 7th, 1999, while reply comments would be filed on August 6th, 1999.

The requested extension of time will permit MCI WorldCom and other parties to present a complete analysis of the questions posed by the Notice. The ten questions posed by the Notice all involve highly technical issues in the fields of accounting, auditing, and statistical analysis. Moreover, the record in this proceeding is already voluminous, containing extensive and detailed RBOC responses that raise further issues. While MCI WorldCom and the outside experts that it has engaged are moving expeditiously to analyze the complex issues raised by the Notice and the RBOCs' responses, additional time is required to complete this task.

MCI WorldCom's request for additional time will allow it and other parties to provide the Commission with relevant information. While the RBOCs have had almost a year to analyze the Bureau's audit methodology and respond to the audit reports, this proceeding provides the first opportunity for the RBOCs' customers, state regulators, and other interested parties to comment on the audit reports. A brief extension of time will allow these parties to prepare a complete analysis of the issues raised by the Notice, and thereby assist the Commission in evaluating the Bureau's audit methodology and determining an appropriate course of action. No party would be prejudiced by this brief extension of time.

Accordingly, MCI WorldCom requests a 30 day extension of time to file comments and reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted, MCI WORLDCOM, INC.

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May 28, 1999

#### **STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION**

I have read the foregoing, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief there is good ground to support it, and that it is not interposed for delay. I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on May 28, 1999.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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